



Dear HBM student,

Many congratulations on your application to the Horticulture and Business Management (HBM) degree programme within HAS green academy, University of Applied Sciences. We are looking forward to welcoming you at our university!

Please note: if all requirements are met, the official confirmation of enrolment will come from Student Affairs/International Office, should you not yet have received this.

Information about the start of the Academic Year

Please find herewith an update on what you need to know to start the Horticulture and Business Management programme. Read it carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to us, should you have any questions before starting.

1. Arrival in the Netherlands
2. Welcome days
3. HBM Introduction week including practical information to start the academic year
[academic calendar](#) – [website HBM](#) – [website new students](#) (information about laptop, [literature list HBM](#) etc.)

1. Arrival in The Netherlands

Please ensure to arrive in The Netherlands in time to participate in the welcome days (only for international students) starting **Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 09.00 am**. The HBM introduction week (for all students starting the HBM-programme) starts **Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 09.00 am**.

2. Welcome Days: 27 – 29 August 2025

HAS green academy organises Welcome Days: from Thursday 29 August until Friday 30 August 2024. Attendance is **compulsory** for all new international students. The latest information can be found at: [our website](#).

On Friday 29 August 2025 we organise a nice event including a food truck for which **all new HBM-students (international & Dutch)** are invited.

3. HBM introduction week: 2 – 5 September 2025

The HBM team is looking forward to welcoming you all for the HBM introduction week, which will start **Tuesday 2 September**. The HBM introduction activities are for **all students starting the HBM programme** per September 2025. The introduction week is a great way to get to know each other and everyone involved in HBM. The introduction week activities are mandatory for all first year HBM students.

Activities during the introduction week include:

Tuesday 2 September	Wednesday 3 September	Thursday 4 September	Friday 5 September
Start 09.00 am Welcome/introduction HBM Coach Acquaintance game Lunch Guided tour HAS Pub Quiz	Start 09.00 am 't Dommeltje: Farmers olympics Lunch Introduction module: Plant and environment Lecture Taxonomy	Start 09.00 am Introduction module: The horticultural sector Lecture intro propagation PBL Escape game Scavenger hunt Den Bosch BBQ	Start 09.00 am Practical propagation Instruction IT systems

Academic year

One academic year has 4 terms of 10 weeks. Each week you have a study load of 40 hours, of which 15-20 hours are contact hours in the first year. Lectures, tutorials, project meetings and other class-activities can be scheduled from 8h30 to 18h00 each day, requiring your availability for your studies app. 40 hours a week.

Timetable and online classes

End of August the timetable will be published on HASwise (our "intranet"). During the introduction we explain where to exactly find your schedule(s), how to read and import these into your digital calendar. Next to that, we will give you further instructions on how the online classes work in practice and what applications we use.

Laptop, HAS Student e-mail address + login codes

There are no computers available for self-study at HAS green academy. We expect you to bring your own device. The minimum requirements for this device can be found here:

<https://www.has.nl/en/more-has/study-at-has/information-for-new-students/>.

End of August you receive your account information such as your HAS e-mail and login codes. There are tutorials on how to access and install the required software.

Important: Apple laptops/devices are not compatible with software at HAS.

Please ensure to at least have a laptop with Microsoft Office including MS-teams available prior to the start of **Tuesday 2 September 2025**.

[Costs for study materials, literature, and excursions](#)

Expected costs for books and excursions in year 1 are around € 400.-. Each course has a course manual informing you about required study materials and excursions; these course manuals are available prior to the start of the course. Study materials may include:

- Book(s)
- Lab coat and small loupe or mobile microscope
- Digitally available articles/books
- Reader(s) digitally available including the course manual

We will ask you to buy a limited number of books prior to the start of courses; reference materials that will be used for the entire duration of the HBM-programme. Books can be ordered online/at any bookstore. Other study materials are made available digitally at the start of a course. Please find the required books for HBM year 1 on [our website](#).

In the attachment you will find the procedure for how to pay for the introduction and excursions of € 175,- for the 1st year. This payment must be made **no later than August 25**.

[Coach/student coach](#)

During your study at HAS green academy, you are assigned a coach. The coach is a member of our staff (can be a lecturer or our study advisor) who is going to help you with your personal and professional development at HAS green academy. In [this video](#) they introduce themselves.

[Looking forward to meeting you!](#)

We trust this letter provided relevant information about the Welcome Days, HBM introduction week and the start of the academic year.

Should you have any questions and/or remarks, please do contact us.

Please be informed that HAS green academy is closed for the summer break as of Friday 18 July 2025 and will open its doors again on Monday 25 August 2025.

If your questions are study and planning related, please contact our study advisor Maud Putters-Bruurs (puma@has.nl).

If your questions are related to visa, housing, etc., please contact our International office (international@has.nl).

Kind regards,

The HBM Team